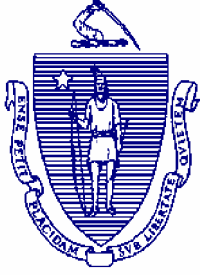


# Executive Office of Public Safety Newsletter, February 2007



The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

## EOPS Funding Opportunities

### **Firefighting Equipment Grant Program Application State Fiscal Year 2007**

**Application Deadline: February 23, 2007**

The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is pleased to announce the availability of \$2.5 million in State Fiscal Year 2007 funds for fire departments in every city, town, fire district and authority of the Commonwealth. Applicants may purchase equipment from a detailed list, but funds cannot be utilized for personnel costs unless the costs constitute 50% or less of the total grant award. There are seven tiers of eligible award amounts based on population.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eopsfunding](http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding)

### **2007 Statewide Bicycle Helmet Distribution Grant Program**

**Application Deadline: March 1, 2007**

The Governor's Highway Safety Bureau (GHSB), a program of the Executive Office of Public Safety within the Office of Grants and Research, is announcing the availability of bicycle helmet grants for a one-time distribution to a maximum of 200 Massachusetts communities and organizations. The helmet distribution program aims to help reduce bicycle, skateboard, roller-blade, and scooter-related fatalities and injuries. Police and fire departments, schools, service and community groups are invited to apply.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/ghsb](http://www.mass.gov/ghsb)

### **Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board Training Grant**

**Application Deadline: March 9, 2007**

The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) and the Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board (SETB) are pleased to announce the availability of funding through a new program: The SETB Training Grant. Through this program governmental entities hosting primary Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) are eligible to receive reimbursement for training-related costs associated with the 9-1-1 system. Eligible awards are based on a rounded formula of 9-1-1 calls received and population served, with a minimum award of \$5,000.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eopsfunding](http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding)

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## **GHSB 2006-2007 Traffic Enforcement Grant Program**

### **Application Deadline: Open Enrollment through Summer 2007**

The Governor's Highway Safety Bureau (GHSB), a program of the Executive Office of Public Safety within the Office of Grants and Research, is announcing the open enrollment of high visibility traffic enforcement grants for local police departments to conduct mobilizations entitled "Click It or Ticket," "Road Respect," and "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest." Join the over 200 local police departments currently part of this grant program which began in December 2006 and continues through Labor Day 2007.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/ghsb](http://www.mass.gov/ghsb)

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## **Other Funding Opportunities**

### **Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program FY 2007 Competitive Grant Announcement**

#### **Application Deadline: March 6, 2007**

"The purpose of the Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program is to provide resources to state, local, and tribal governments and state and local courts to establish or enhance adult drug courts and systems for nonviolent substance-abusing offenders. Drug courts funded through the Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program are required by law to target nonviolent offenders and must implement an adult drug court based on the BJA and National Association of Drug Court Professionals' publication: *Defining Drug Courts: The Key Components*. Implementation grants may also serve DUI/DWI offenders. The FY 2007 solicitation offers three drug court grant categories: Implementation Grants, Enhancement Grants, and Statewide Grants."

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/07DrugCtsol.pdf>

## **Research and Publications**

### **An Evaluation of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs**

This evaluation, produced by Simeone Associates in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, examines the effects of monitoring programs on the supply and abuse of prescription drugs. At the time of the study, 20 states had implemented systems to monitor the prescription and sale of drugs and 23 states were in the process of designing or planning systems to monitor the prescription and sale of drugs. The study examines the ways in which the prescription drug monitoring programs might affect the probability of prescription drug abuse.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/PDMPExecSumm.pdf>

### **The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) and Crime & Justice Institute (CJI) Reentry Roundtables**

The Crime and Justice Institute (CJI) completed a 15 month project, sponsored by the Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS), that examined significant issues in offender reentry. Entitled the *Crime & Justice Institute Reentry Roundtables*, this project focused on three, distinct aspects of offender reentry, two of which culminated in large public events featuring moderated panels discussing the impact of offender reentry on high crime communities and the unique issues of female offenders in reentry. The third part of the project included original research on the hiring decisions of employers and a final report on the findings and recommendations of the Advisory Group.

Access full text at: <http://www.crjustice.org/cji/cjipublications.html>

### **Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA)**

The Federal Bureau of Investigation recent released their annual report on the felonious and accidental line-of-duty deaths and assaults of law enforcement officers. The report is divided into the following sections: officers feloniously killed, officers accidentally killed, officers assaulted, and federal officers killed and assaulted. Data includes weapons used, use of body armor, and circumstances surrounding murders and assaults of officers.

Access full text at: <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2005/>

### **Medical Causes of Death in State Prisons, 2001-2004**

This recently released Bureau of Justice Statistics report describes the specific medical conditions causing deaths in State prisons nationwide from 2001-2004. For the leading medical causes of death, data is presented by gender, age, race and Hispanic origin, and the length of time served in prison. Prisoner death rates are also compared with mortality rates in the general population.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/mcdsp04.pdf>

### **Methamphetamine Use**

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) asks respondents aged 12 or older to report on their use of illicit drugs, including non-medical use of prescription-type pain relievers, stimulants, tranquilizers, and sedatives. This report examines trends and patterns in rates of methamphetamine use by gender based on data from the 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005 NSDUHs. The sections include trends in methamphetamine use, methamphetamine use by geographic characteristics, and trends in past-year methamphetamine use.

Access full text at: <http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k6/meth/meth.pdf>

# Conferences and Trainings

## **Workshop Schedule for FY 2007 Assistance to Firefighter Grants**

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services organizations. Each year the AFG regional staff conducts hundreds of workshops nationwide to provide up-to-date AFG grant information to applicants. Beginning at the end of January and continuing through March of 2007, workshops will be held around the country to explain this competitive grant program to fire service personnel. Interested fire department representatives are invited to attend. Information will be presented on the program and on the application process. There is no admittance charge to any AFG workshop. Click on the link below for a schedule of workshops, including points of contact.

For more information: [www.firegrantsupport.com](http://www.firegrantsupport.com)

## **Juvenile Justice Detention Forums**

**February 7, 2007 in Lawrence, MA**

**February 8, 2007 in Worcester, MA**

**February 9, 2007 in Boston, MA**

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) will host a series of forums across the state to discuss secure juvenile detention in Massachusetts. The forums are designed to provide an opportunity for juvenile justice stakeholders to discuss the issue of pre-adjudication detention and the overrepresentation of minority youth at this “front door” to the juvenile justice system. The JJAC anticipates that the forums will help participants to gain a better understanding of detention in Massachusetts today and will generate ideas about strategies to reduce detention usage and the overrepresentation of minority youth in the Massachusetts juvenile justice system. Best practices from Massachusetts and other states will also be shared.

The Northeast forum will occur at the Lawrence Public Library, Sargent Auditorium, 51 Lawrence Street, Lawrence, MA on February 7, 2007 from 1:30-4:30.

The Central Massachusetts forum will occur at the Worcester Crowne Plaza, 10 Lincoln Square, Worcester, MA on February 8, 2007 from 1:30-4:30.

The Boston forum will occur at the McCormack Building, 21st Floor, 1 Ashburton Place, Boston, MA on February 9 from 1:30-4:30.

To RSVP, please contact Elizabeth Spinney at 617-725-3367, [Elizabeth.Spinney@state.ma.us](mailto:Elizabeth.Spinney@state.ma.us)

## **The Grant Institute's Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop**

**February 21-23, 2007 in Boston, MA**

This course is a detailed introduction to the process, structure, and skill of professional proposal writing. In this course, participants will learn the entire proposal writing process and complete the course with a solid understanding of the essential factors which determine whether or not a program gets funded. Participants will become capable program planning and proposal writing professionals after completion of the Grants 101 course.

For more information: [www.thegrantinstitute.com](http://www.thegrantinstitute.com)

### **34th National Conference on Juvenile Justice**

**March 4-7, 2007 in San Diego, CA**

The 34th National Conference on Juvenile Justice is sponsored by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the National District Attorneys' Association. This conference provides cutting-edge training on dozens of topics related to juvenile and family courts. It is open to a wide range of professionals and those who work with youth.

For more information: <http://www.ncjfcj.org/content/view/733/315/>

### **Youth Crime Prevention Conference and International Forum**

**March 21-24, 2007 in Denver, CO**

This youth crime prevention event is sponsored by Youth Crime Watch of America, Denver Safe City, BJA, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Youth, their adult counterparts, and other practitioners will be given the opportunity to participate in: a Town Meeting, the Youth Exploring Solutions Forum, 69 workshops, six professional development seminars, four intensive institutes, and four proven and promising practices briefings. All participants will have the opportunity to voice their recommendations for policy makers on reducing crime, violence and drugs.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/>

### **Innovations in Justice, Information Sharing Strategies and Best Practices**

**March 27-29, 2007 in Minneapolis, MN**

**June 4-6, 2007 in Jacksonville, FL**

This Bureau of Justice Assistance conference will help participants explore, and better understand how to plan, manage, and implement technology solutions for information sharing systems. Experts will discuss the latest innovative solutions in justice and public safety information sharing, including key developments in: information sharing policy, privacy and security, coordinating broad-based information sharing initiatives, U.S. Department of Justice Global Justice XML Data Model implementation, and latest technologies and standards.

For more information: <http://www.search.org/conferences/2006reginfosharing/>

### **Mapping and Analysis for Public Safety (MAPS)**

**March 28-31, 2007 in Pittsburg, PA**

This National Institute of Justice crime mapping conference will focus on the use and development of methodologies for practitioners and researchers. During the conference events, participants will discuss a range of issues including policy decisions, research methods to identify and dispel hot spots, and other applied practice solutions. The focus of the conference is on the study of society and elements of mapping technology that contribute to both crime and justice.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/maps/>

## **In The News**

### **MA Training Corrections Officers To Enforce Immigration Laws**

***The Boston Globe*, January 12, 2007**

According to *The Boston Globe*, Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick will have a dozen correction officers in two state prisons trained to enforce immigration laws. He also recently withdrew a controversial agreement between Governor Mitt Romney and federal authorities that allowed State Police to arrest illegal immigrants. The public safety secretary, Kevin M. Burke, negotiated an agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to allow six correction officers to undergo training to perform "limited immigration law enforcement" duties. Other jurisdictions, such as the Arizona prison system and various county jails in California, give corrections officers the power to initiate deportation proceedings against convicted criminals whom they identify as illegal immigrants. Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/politics/candidates/articles/2007/01/12/governor\\_rescinds\\_immigration\\_order/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/politics/candidates/articles/2007/01/12/governor_rescinds_immigration_order/)

### **Patrick Wants Criminals To Pay For More Police Officers**

***The Boston Globe*, January 14, 2007**

*The Boston Globe* reports that Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick proposes to charge convicted criminals a fee to facilitate the hiring of more police officers. Every person convicted of a crime would have to pay a "safety fee" separate from that which the state already charges to everyone who violates the law. Patrick estimates that the new fee will raise approximately \$10 million annually, about half of the \$20 million he expects to spend to hire 250 additional police officers. Patrick eventually wants to add 1,000 new police officers to the streets, at a cost of approximately \$85 million. Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/01/14/patrick\\_proposes\\_new\\_fee\\_on\\_criminals](http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/01/14/patrick_proposes_new_fee_on_criminals)

### **Boston Youngsters Murdered At A Higher Than Average Rate**

***The Phoenix*, January 19, 2007**

According to *The Phoenix*, seven people age 12 to 14 are shot to death nationwide in an average month while in Boston three were killed in just the past few weeks. That happens to be more murders in that age group than Washington DC has had in the past five years, with only one 13-year-old and one 14-year-old murder victim since 2002. Law enforcement made arrests for less than 25 percent of last year's total shooting homicides, and 14 percent of last-year's total non-fatal shootings. Access full text at: [http://www.thephoenix.com/article\\_ektid31975.aspx](http://www.thephoenix.com/article_ektid31975.aspx)

### **Boston Cites Success with 450 Transit Surveillance Cameras**

***The Boston Globe*, January 31, 2007**

There are more than 450 security cameras watching for potential terrorists on Boston's rapid transit system which are helping to catch alleged criminals, says the Boston Globe. So far, approximately a dozen crimes have been solved with help from the surveillance cameras. Transit police recently arrested a man accused of robbing a passenger at gunpoint. These types of cases have often gone unsolved, and the arrest would have been far less likely without help from digital images produced by a camera at the station. Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/01/29/antiterror\\_cameras\\_capturing\\_crime\\_on\\_t/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/01/29/antiterror_cameras_capturing_crime_on_t/)



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